

The House Committee on Public Safety offers the following substitute to HR 1462:

A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the House Study Committee on State Law Enforcement Salaries and Benefits; and
2 for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia is served daily by the hundreds of state law enforcement
4 officers who have dedicated themselves to the protection of the lives and property of our
5 citizens; and

6 WHEREAS, it is largely upon the courage and commitment of these brave men and women
7 that our fundamental liberties and well-being are built and secured; and

8 WHEREAS, in rendering essential public services professionally and selflessly, this state's
9 law enforcement officers help to assure an orderly society and enhances the citizenry's sense
10 of security; and

11 WHEREAS, in placing the well-being of society above their personal concerns and, in some
12 instances, risking their lives for the sake of others, the state's law enforcement officers
13 exemplify the highest nobility and greatest commitment to humanitarian ideals; and

14 WHEREAS, it is essential that the salaries and benefits paid to state law enforcement officers
15 state wide is at a level necessary to continue to attract and retain the best candidates and to
16 ensure that a career as a state law enforcement officer remains an attractive employment
17 opportunity in this state.

18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
19 there is created the House Study Committee on State Law Enforcement Salaries and Benefits
20 to be composed of five members of the House of Representatives to be appointed by the
21 Speaker of the House of Representatives. The Speaker shall designate a member of the

1 committee as chairperson of the committee. The chairperson shall call all meetings of the
2 committee.

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee shall undertake a study of the conditions,
4 needs, issues, and problems mentioned above or related thereto and recommend any action
5 or legislation which the committee deems necessary or appropriate. The committee shall
6 focus its attention on the salary and benefits of state law enforcement officers who have as
7 a part of their routine duties and responsibilities the exercise of the power of arrest, such as
8 agents with the Georgia Bureau of Investigation and troopers with the Georgia State Patrol
9 and also including without limitation any and all certified peace officers employed with any
10 state law enforcement unit as defined by paragraphs (7) and (8) of Code Section 35-8-2. The
11 committee may conduct such meetings at such places and at such times as it may deem
12 necessary or convenient to enable it to exercise fully and effectively its powers, perform its
13 duties, and accomplish the objectives and purposes of this resolution. The members of the
14 committee shall receive the allowances provided for in Code Section 28-1-8 of the Official
15 Code of Georgia Annotated. The allowances authorized by this resolution shall not be
16 received by any member of the committee for more than five days unless additional days are
17 authorized. The funds necessary to carry out the provisions of this resolution shall come from
18 the funds appropriated to the House of Representatives. The committee shall make a report
19 of its findings and recommendations, with suggestions for proposed legislation, if any, on or
20 before December 31, 2006. The committee shall stand abolished on December 31, 2006.